

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/692,102

Examiner

Matt Luby

Applicant(s)

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 6/01/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All   b) ☐ Some\*   c) ☐ None   of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art fails to disclose a wheel attached to axle brackets by an axle, the brackets being connected to a rear rail that is connected to the brackets by side rails pivotally attached to the brackets by forward pivot pins and pivotally attached to brackets on the rear rail by rear pivot pins, the forward pivot pins being perpendicular to the centerline of the axle and the rear pivot pins being perpendicular to the centerline of the side rails, the rear rail pivoted about a rear rail pivot pin and attached pivotally at each end to frame brackets, wherein the rear rail pivot pin axis is perpendicular to the longitudinal centerline of the vehicle.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matt Luby whose telephone number is (571) 272-6648. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lesley Morris can be reached on (571) 272-6612. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Matt Luby  
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December 1, 2005



To: Matt Luby

From: Thomas Dom

Re: Application No. 10/692,102

#### REMARKS

The following is in reply to your Office Action Summary dated May 2, 2005.

- 1) A corrected drawing sheet is submitted with the label "Replacement Sheet" in the top margin.
- 2) Since the substitute specification filed on 02/09/05 has not been entered, it is re-submitted here.
- 3) The following statement is made as required by CFR 1.121(b)(3)(i):

Replace the original specification with the enclosed substitute specification.

- 4) The following statement is made as required by CFR 1.125(b):

The substitute specification does not contain new matter.

- 5) A marked up version and a clean version of the specification are submitted in accordance with CFR 1.125(c).

- 6) The following is a summary of the changes to the specification:

- a) The references to US Patents were removed and placed on a separate sheet.
- b) The references to the publication "Motorcycle Chassis Design" were removed.
- c) Two sentences at the end of the first paragraph in the section titled "Summary of the Invention" have been removed because they were not pertinent.
- d) Since all statements regarding the length of the rear rail and its affect on turning angle have been removed from claim 1, nothing has been added to the specification (specifically paragraph 4) to support that limitation.
- e) All other changes are minor grammar corrections or clarifications.

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Approved for entry  
12/6/05